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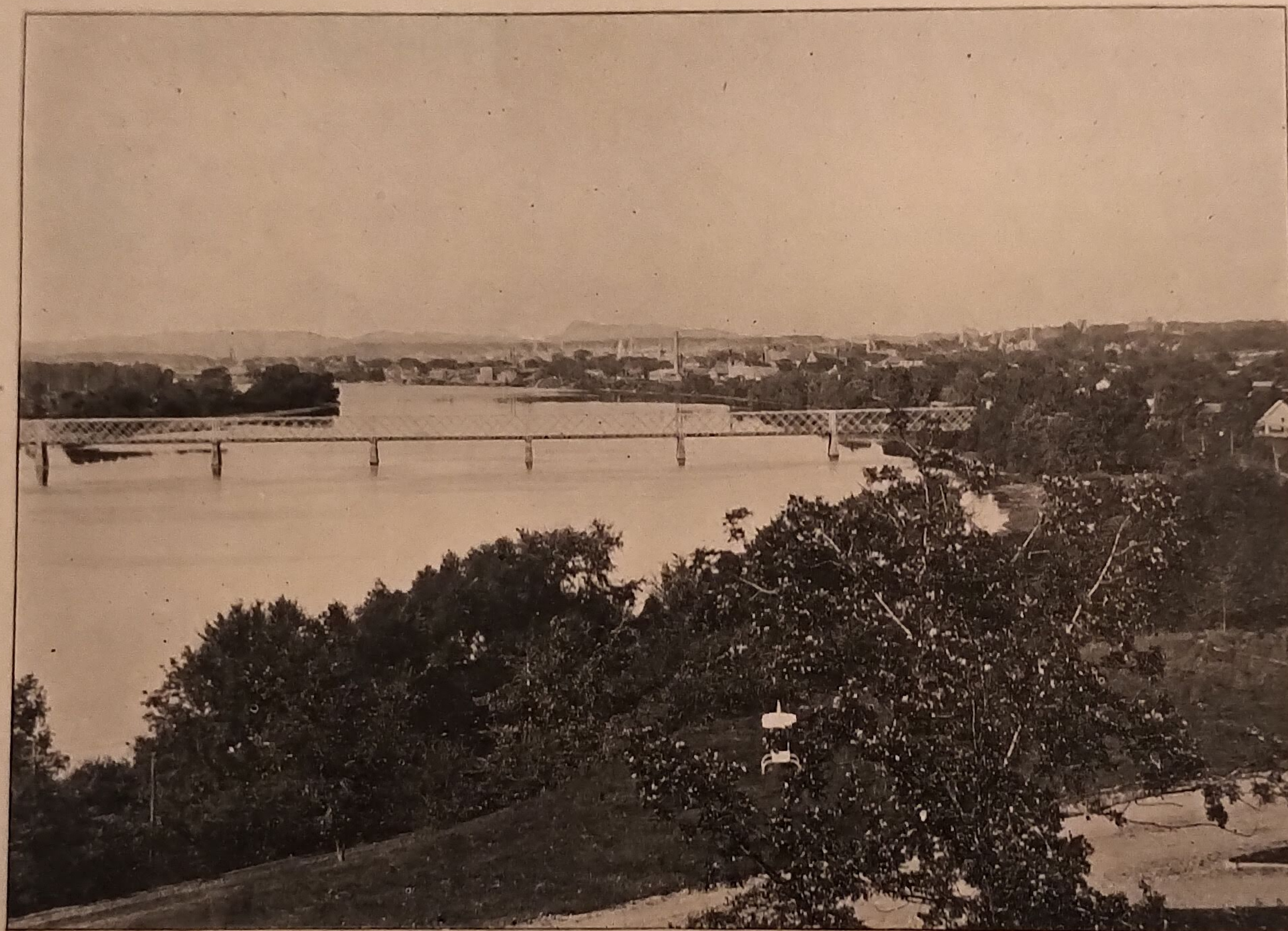


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Last year more than 600,000 visitors were received on the grounds, showing how keenly they are appreciated and that they are just what is wanted to give pleasure and happiness to the people from all round about this section.

"Illustrated Forest Park," aided by the best photographers, typographers and engravers, gives in an elegant form a souvenir of the most attractive points of interest in and about this picturesque Park, with portraits of the Mayor, the present Commissioners, their predecessors, and the Superintendent, and the cards of many business men who help to furnish the book at the popular price which brings it to 6,500 homes in and around Springfield.

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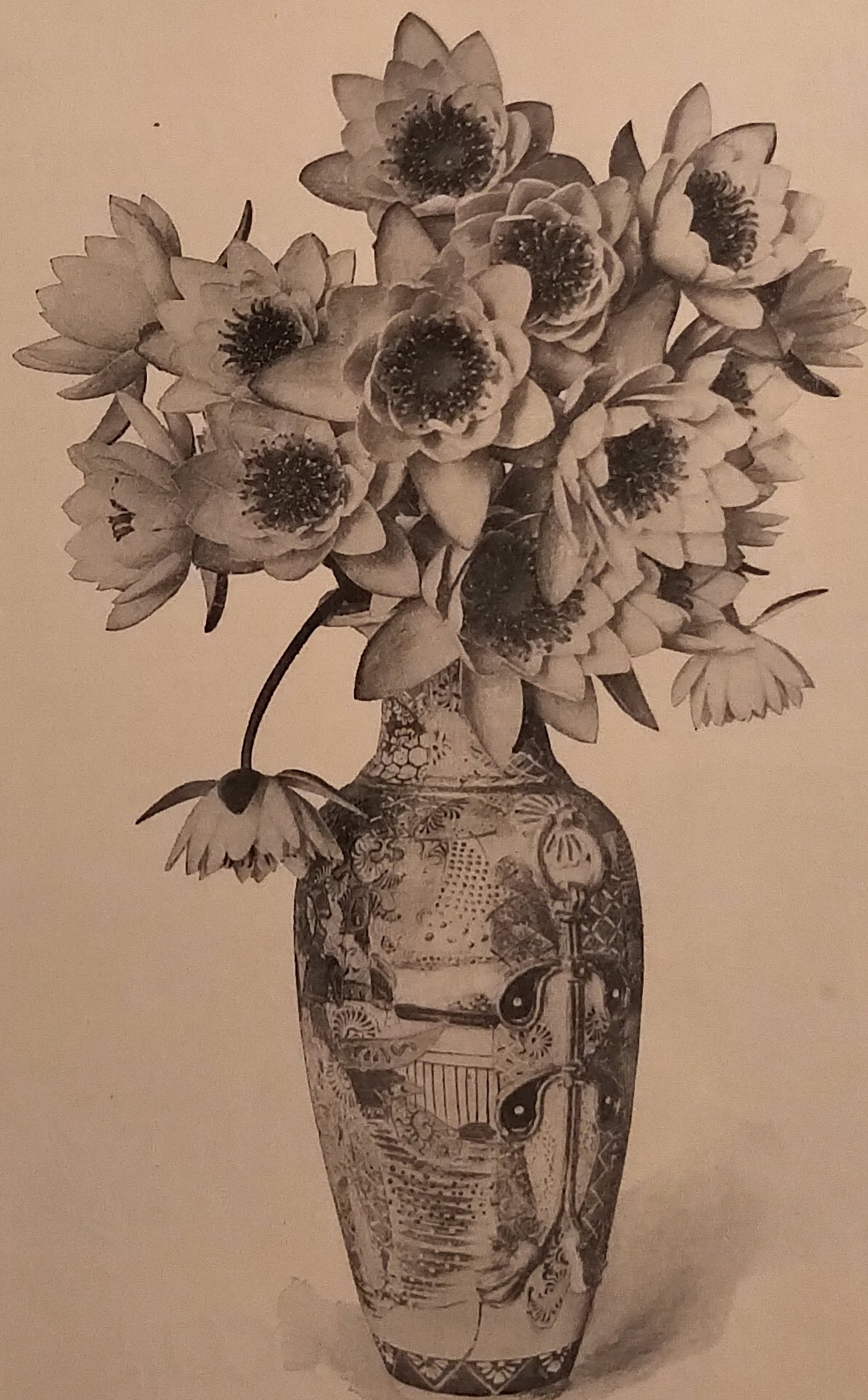


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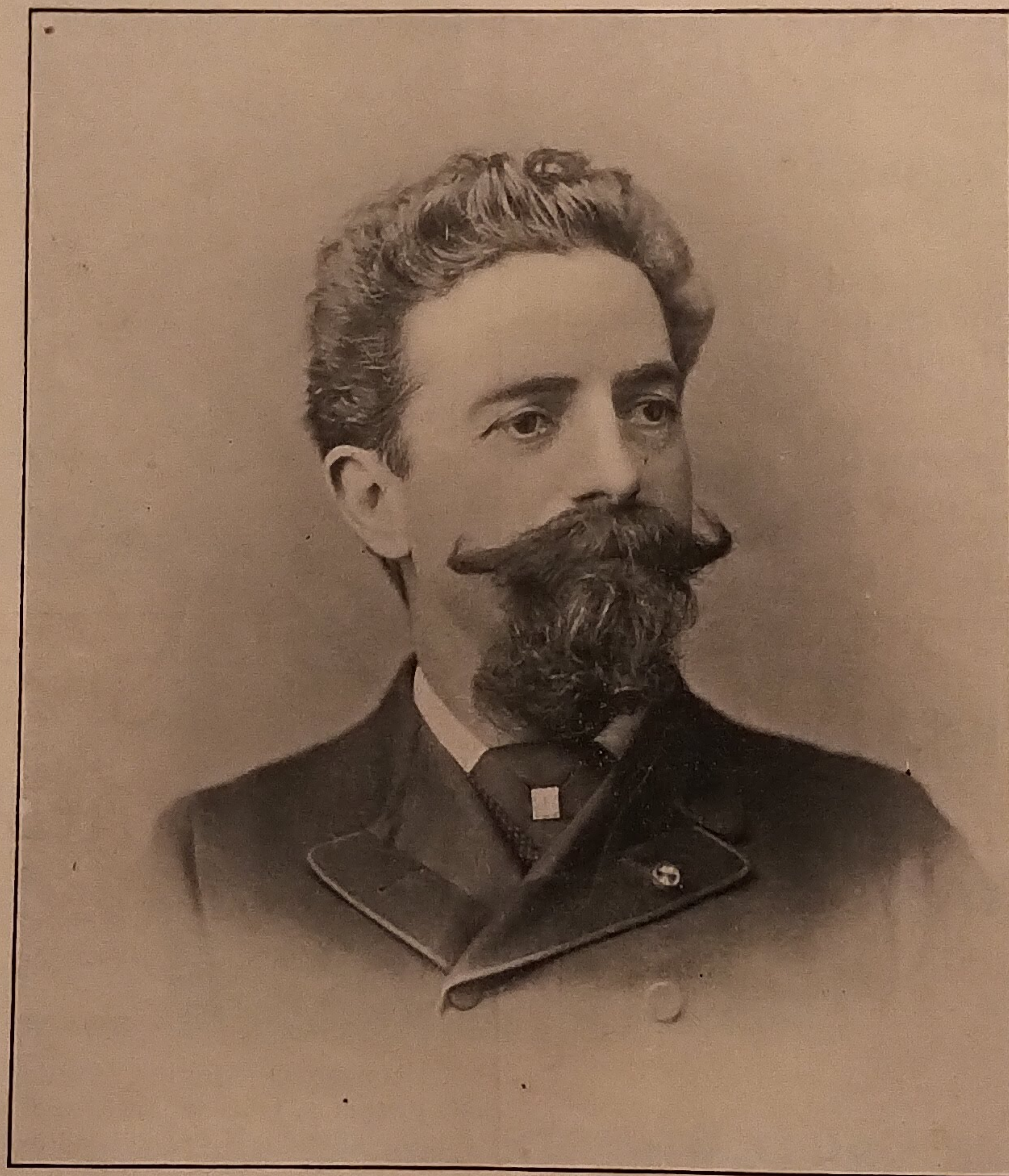
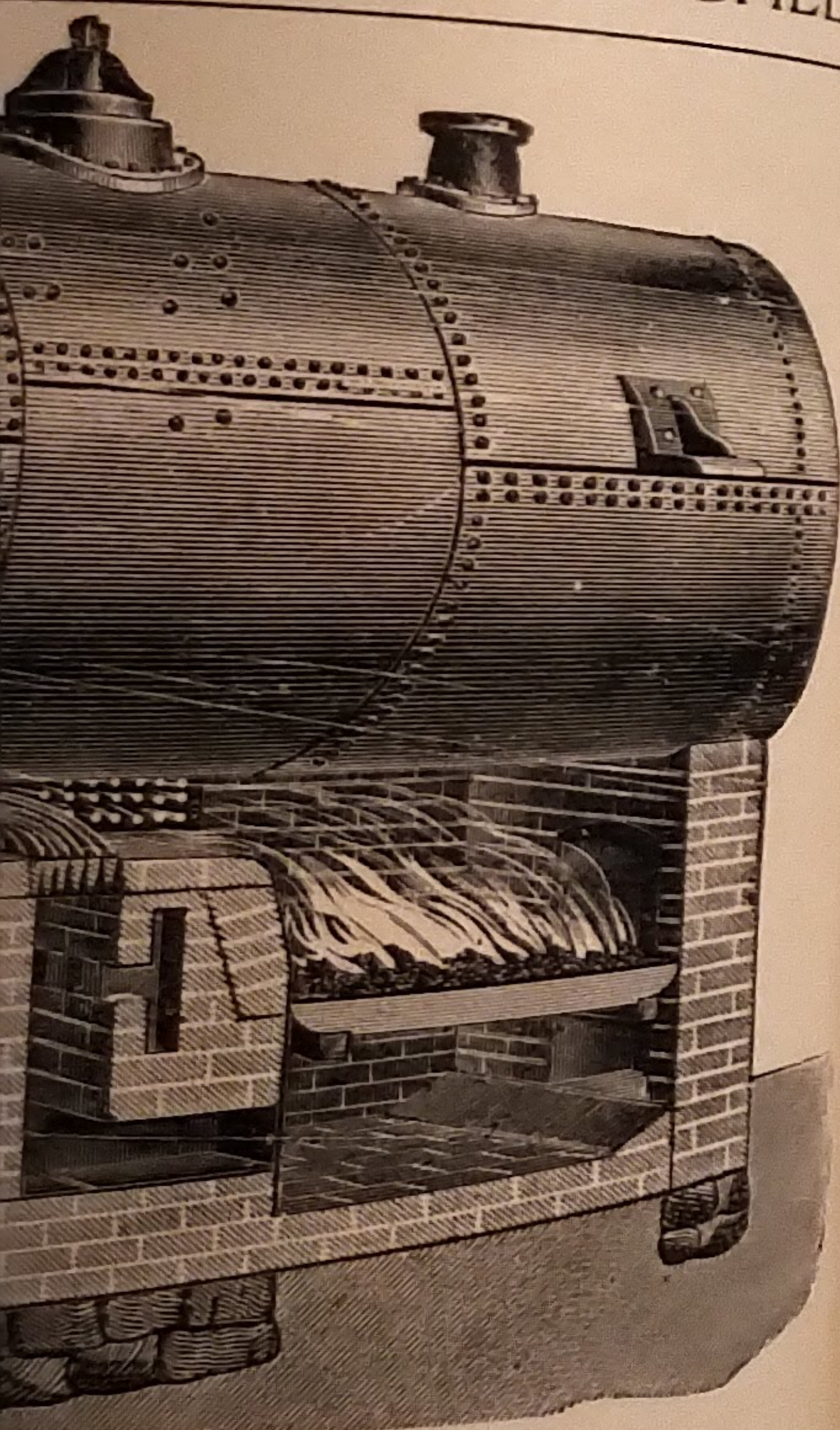
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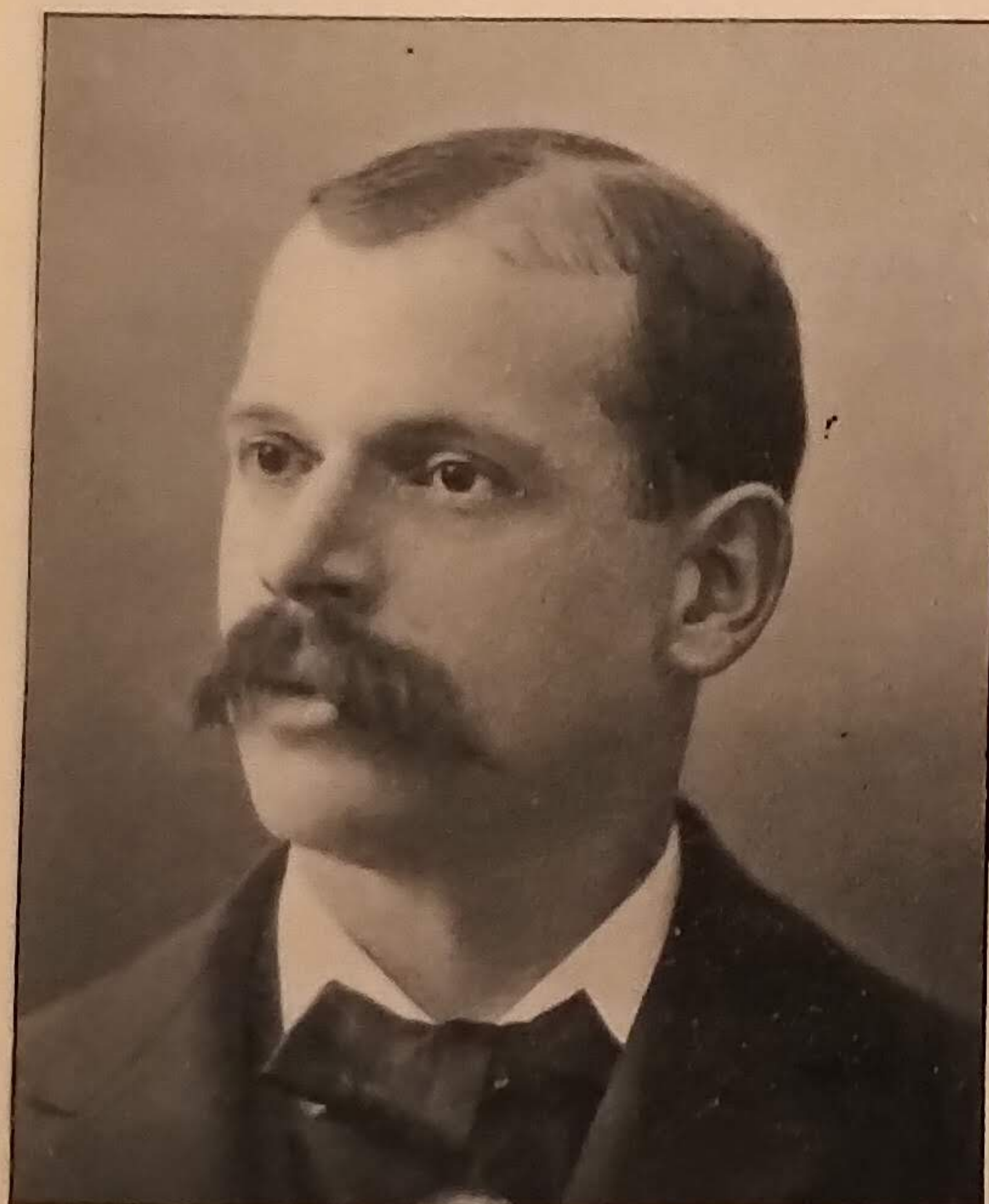
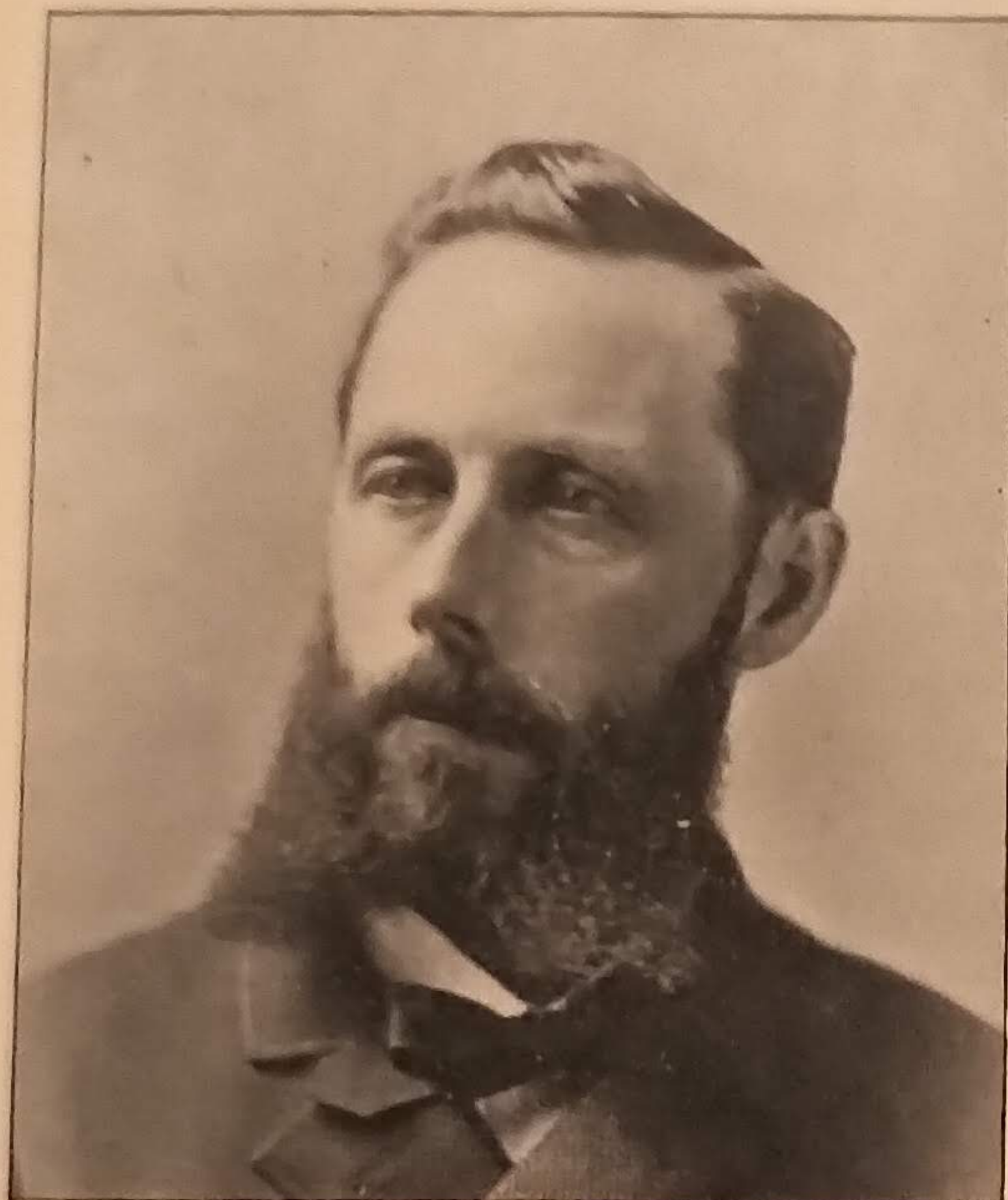
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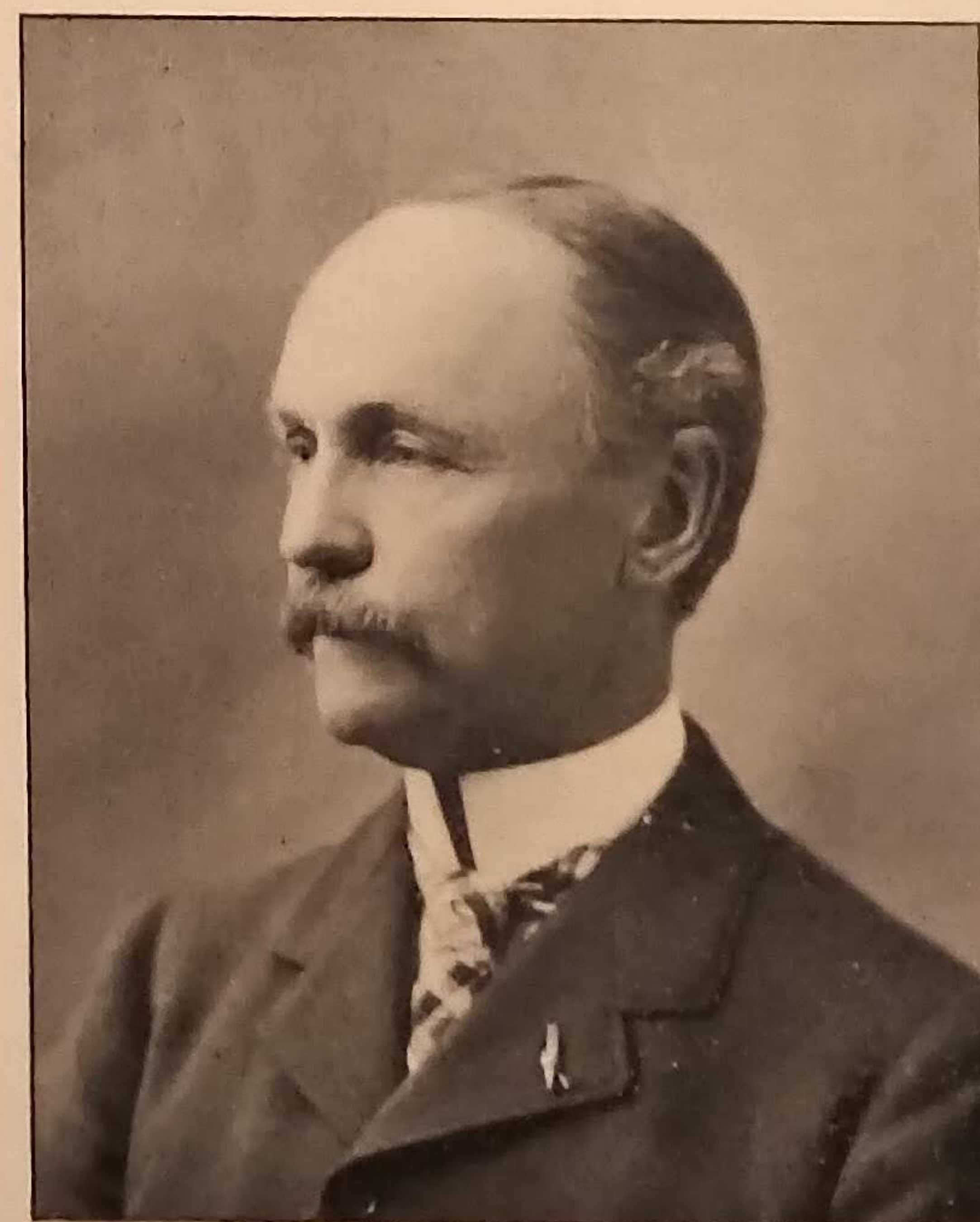
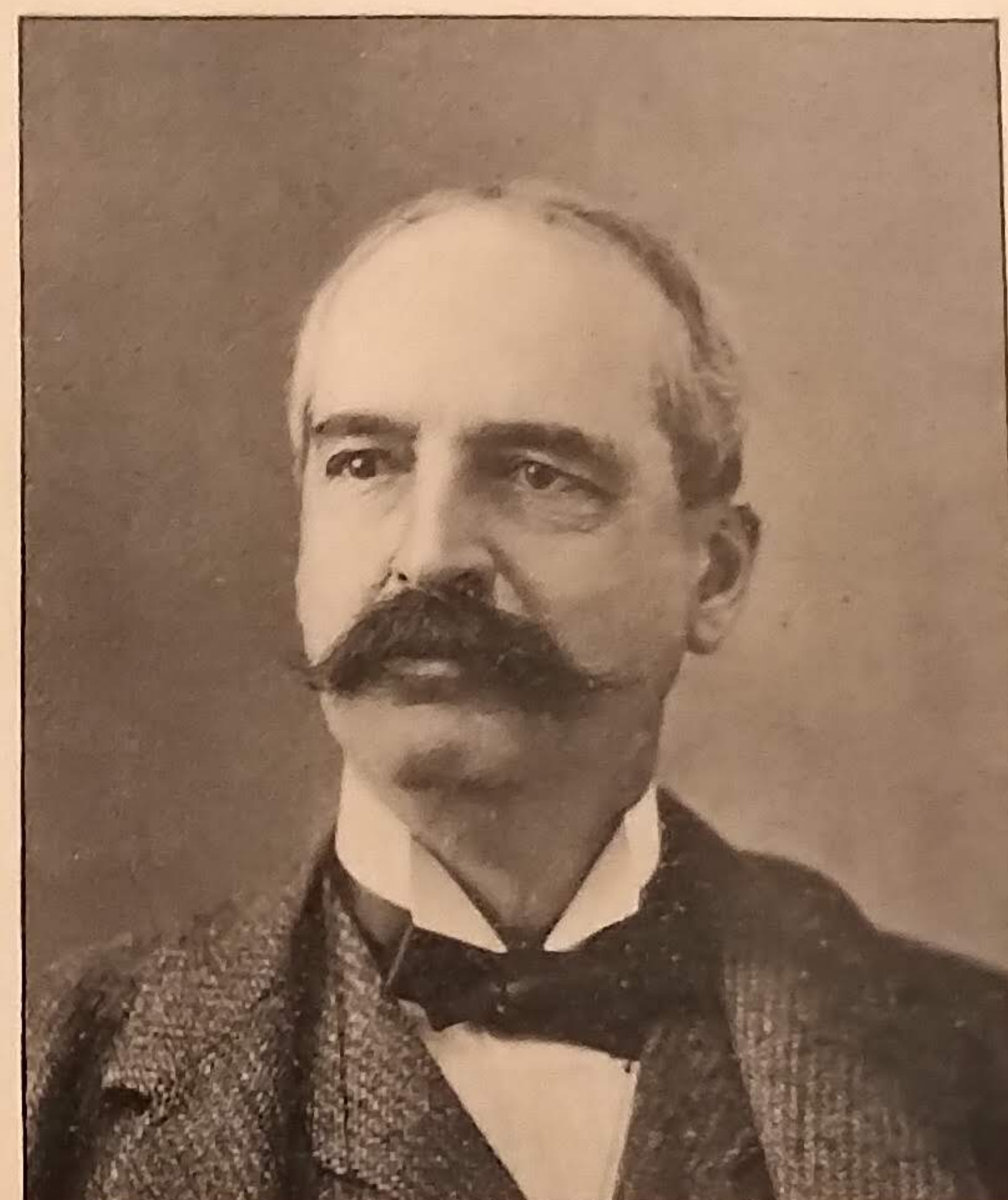
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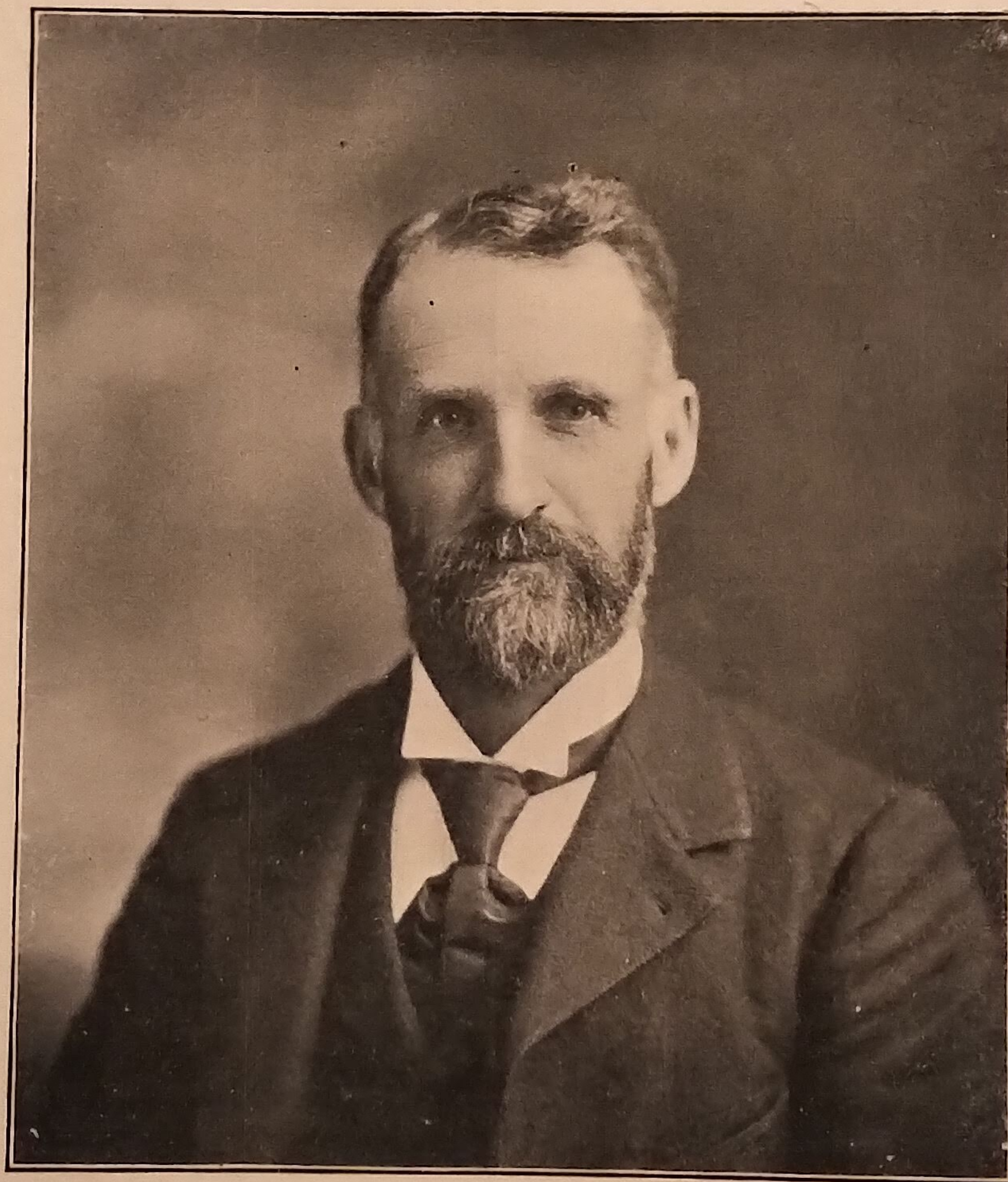
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trees—rugged and massive oaks, graceful pines and stately elms—and with crystal springs, and deep, shadowy ravines.

The pure air and natural beauties of Forest Park are enjoyed by old and young, rich and poor alike. Its smooth, hard roads and pleasant drives, comprising a total distance of some twenty miles, make it a favorite resort for those who ride or drive for pleasure. The park contains 463 acres. Of this 339 have been acquired by gift and about 124 by purchase. A list of those who have generously donated land to Forest Park will be found on page 25. To the generosity of these and others it is due that the city of Springfield to-

twenty to thirty men, employed in keeping the roads and grounds in good condition, and in caring for the birds and animals.

The principal gateways to the park are the Sumner Avenue and Park Avenue entrances. At the Sumner Avenue entrance, known also as the "Main Entrance," is the station, a commodious, ornamental structure for the accommodation of visitors, in which they may find shelter or rest while waiting for the electrics. Following the wooded road, which leads through a pleasant ravine, the visitor finds before him on an eminence the Pavilion, a rustic building of unique and tasty design, in which one may retire for refuge in event of an unexpected shower, or for rest if weary.

To the right of the Pavilion is the Picnic Ground. While nearly any portion of the park may be used by picnic parties, this particular ground is the one most frequently selected, for its central location and peculiar adaptability to the purpose; for here the dense pines afford welcome shade and here rustic benches and tables are securely placed for the use and convenience of the public. Bicyclists, also, find this a pleasant and convenient



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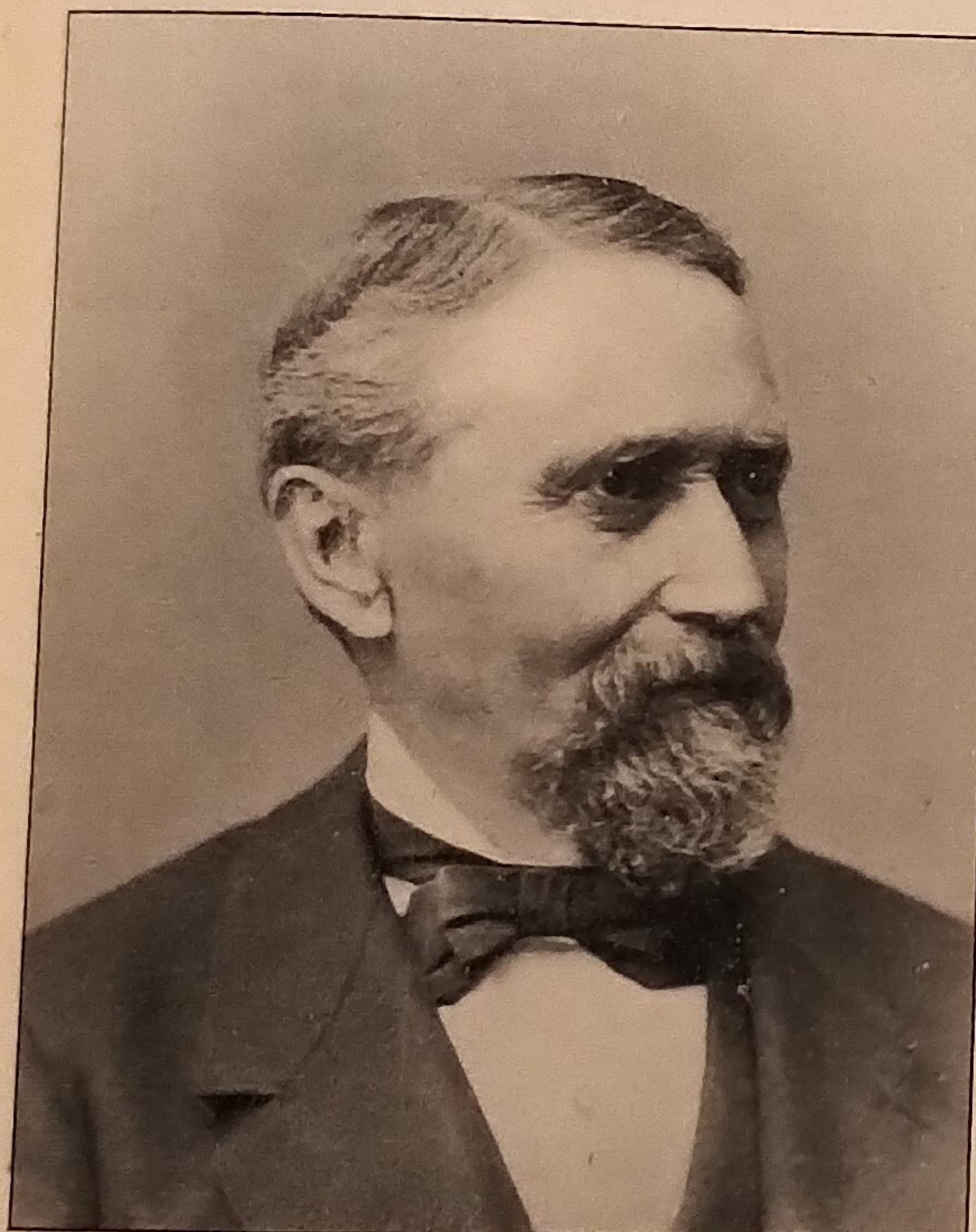
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spot in which to recuperate after a tour of the park a-wheel. To the right of and hard by the Picnic Ground is the Playground, a tract of land containing some ten acres of smooth, level greensward. Here the rising generation is not slow to avail itself of the generous privilege extended in being permitted to indulge in baseball, football, and the various other games popular with the young.



JOHN OLMSTED.

Former Park Commissioner.

To the left of the Playground, and near the Pavilion, is the Children's Pond, a shallow sheet of water in which the little folk find enjoyment in wading, or propelling themselves or one another about on floats provided for the purpose. Between this pond and the woods is Bruin's Home, the domicile of two black bears, as handsome specimens of this animal as it is often one's good fortune to behold. The bears are provided with two large caves connected by a subterranean passage; and with a branching tree to climb in either cave and all made to appear as natural as possible, no doubt Bruin frequently persuades himself that he is yet in the seclusion of his native lair.

Southeast of the Pavilion,

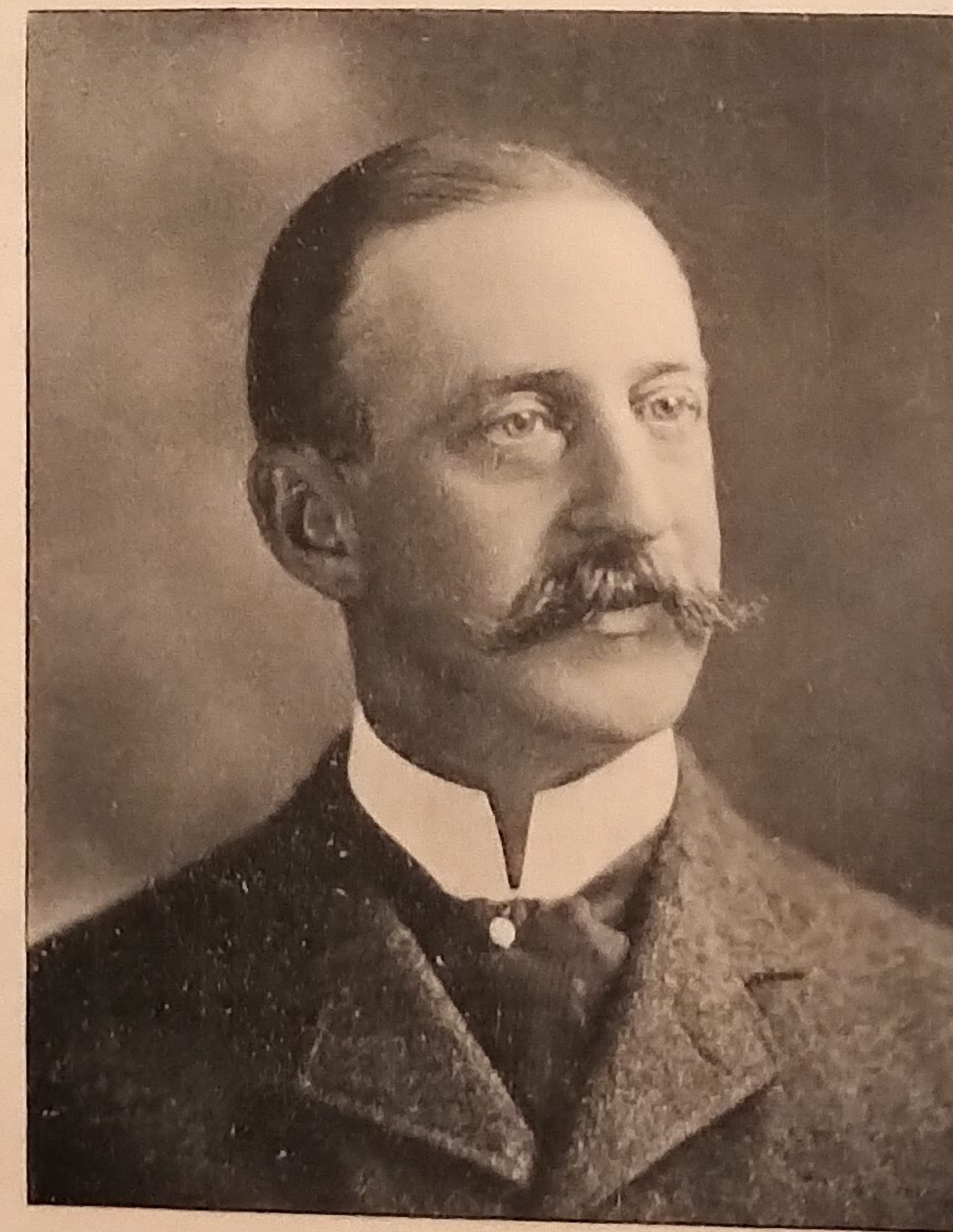
and between it and the park barns, which contain the domestic animals and some of the smaller wild ones, we find the Aviary and Menagerie, where are numerous fine specimens of birds and animals. This collection forms an interesting study, and a visit to these denizens of field and forest is sure to prove highly entertaining and instructive. The Pheasant Aviary, one of the chief

centres of attraction, contains seven varieties of this handsome bird. The cock pheasants are wonderfully beautiful, and a revelation to those beholding for the first time the bright rainbow coloring of their plumage. Leaving the pheasants, though reluctantly, and passing to the southwest between the barn and Menagerie, one comes upon the Deer Preserve. This enclosure, surrounded by a high fence of wire network, comprises ten acres of forest, running brooks and browsing land, forming an excellent and spacious run for the deer.

The collection of birds and animals has been augmented at various times by gifts; indeed, it is an interesting fact that the entire exhibit is the gift of the people, having been collected wholly from sums donated for the purpose, or by receiving the specimens from interested friends. And no one who has made such a gift to the park could possibly regret his generosity after perceiving the delight afforded the thousands of visitors by this collection.

One of the most delightful features of Forest Park is its varied and picturesque drives. At the main entrance one may secure of Messrs. Piper & Chapman a carriage in which to make a tour of the park. The nominal price of fifty cents is required for the circuit of the park, taking in all the principal points of interest, the ride occupying about an hour.

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of pond lilies. There are seven of these ponds, containing as many varieties, the white, the pink, the yellow and the blue, lending their delicate tints to make the picture complete and beautiful. On the edges of these ponds the Japanese iris and flowering shrubs bloom in their season.

Through the efforts of Mr. Everett H. Barney, who is a thorough student and lover of plant life in all its varied forms, Forest Park possesses one of the finest collections of aquatic plants, trees, flowers and shrubs to be found in this country. Perhaps no other public park contains so many rare shrubs and valuable trees, some of them as large as any in New England. These are all

under the voluntary supervision of Mr. Barney, who gives much of his time and attention to their growth and development.

East of the Lotus ponds, and near the point where the road diverges toward Long Hill and Magnolia Terrace, is the charming cascade, known as the Pecousic Falls. Here, by a unique arrangement, the waters of the Pecousic Brook are

made to flow over a gentle incline with a most pleasing and fascinating effect.

One cannot overestimate the benefit which the people of Springfield derive from Forest Park. The admirable transfer system of the Springfield Street Railway Company makes it possible for anyone residing in any part of Springfield or its immediate vicinity to reach the park with the payment of but one fare. It is estimated that over six hundred thousand people visit the park in one season. This fact alone speaks eloquently for the popularity of Forest Park.

The theory is established not by history only, but by the fact that all the prominent points overlooking the Pecousic valleys and the long dingle show where camps and camp fires were located, that the park grounds were without doubt the home and hunting grounds of the Indians in "ye olden times."

One of the finest points of view in the entire park is "Mononatto Lookover." This lookout, with its encircling driveway, is one of the principal attractions of the park. From here an unusually beautiful view is afforded. Before you, and almost at your feet lie many of the lovely specimens of flora in which Forest Park abounds. In the immediate distance is the Connecticut River, gracefully making its way to the southward. In the far distance the Berkshire Hills and the familiar outlines of Mt. Tom rise blue and majestic against the horizon. From "Mononatto Lookover" if the day be clear, one can easily distinguish the spire of



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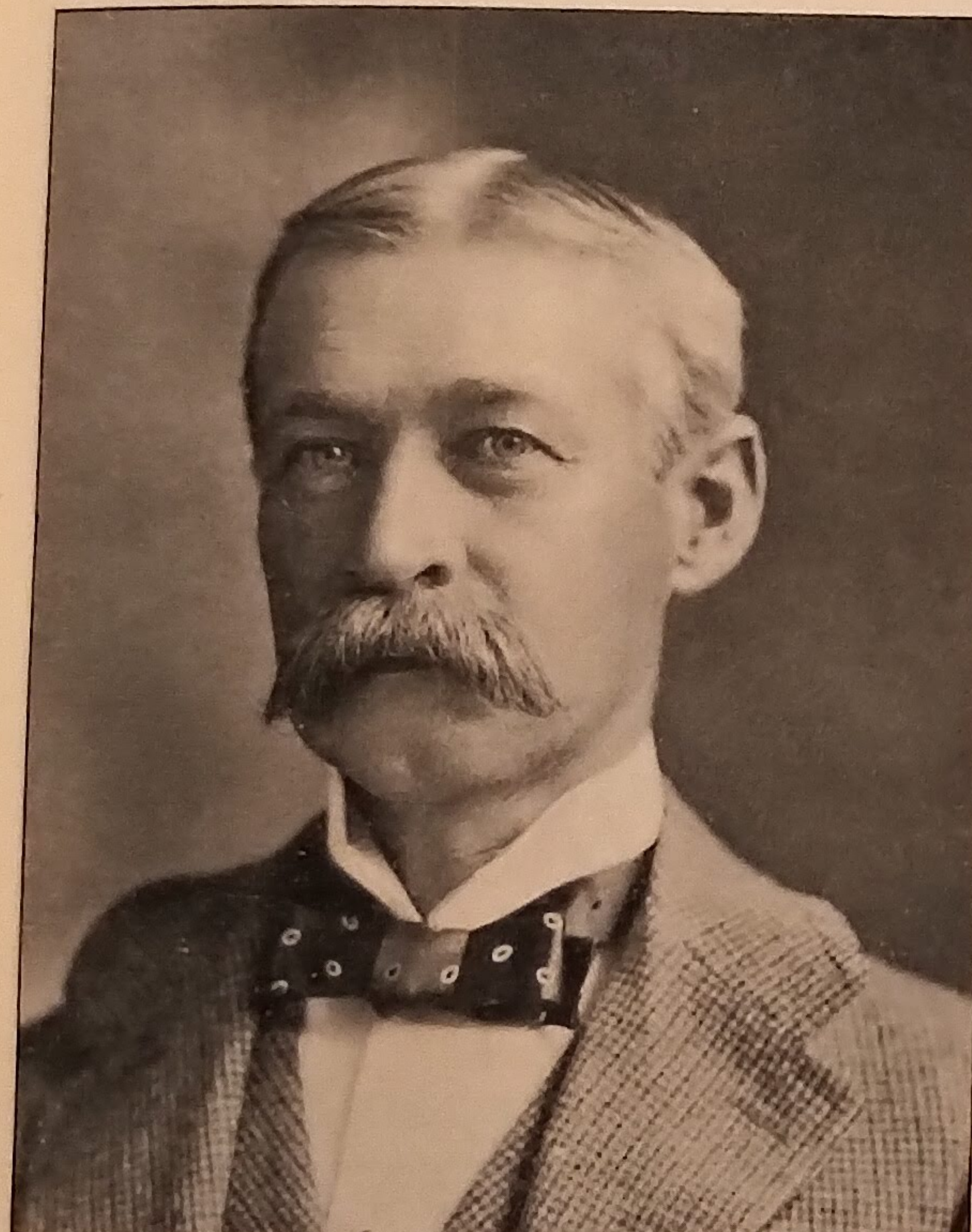
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A recent addition to the park, and one which is of much practical utility, as well as interest, is the number of farm animals, which find their home in the new cow and sheep barn. Of these a fine flock of Shropshire sheep attracts much



FREDERICK HARRIS.

Former Park Commissioner.

attention. Each of the different breeds of domestic animals is properly labelled. This lends particular interest to their inspection, as by it many of the visitors learn to distinguish between the common breeds of cattle. With the exception of the three horses these animals all represent park donations.

Unlike the large parks of many of our cities, Forest Park is unconventional in the extreme; indeed, the name is indicative of its nature. There are many secluded and almost hidden pathways through the ravines and along the thickly wooded hillsides, with now and then a clear spring of cool, pure water. While the park is so natural and forest-like in its beauty, no pains have been spared by

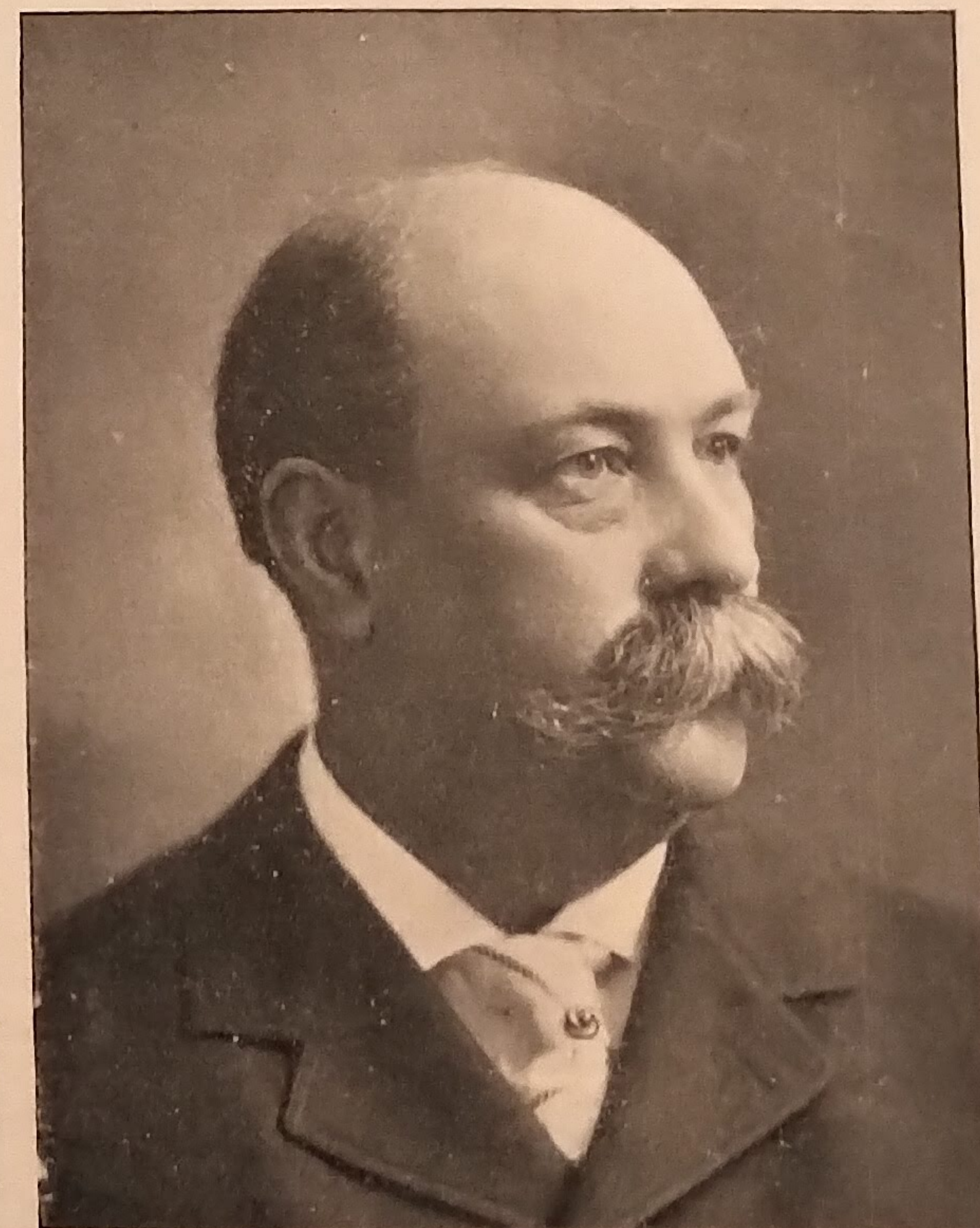
those in charge to provide in every possible manner for the convenience and comfort of its visitors. Along the shady walks and by-paths rustic seats and benches are thoughtfully placed, while every spring and drinking fountain is conveniently situated and furnished with its complement of drinking cups. Small wonder, then, that Forest Park attracts within its confines those seeking rest for mind or

body. And one has but to explore it to easily understand why its popularity is not confined alone to its own home locality.

For its present state of beauty and advancement Forest Park owes much to the untiring zeal and earnest efforts of the members of the Park Commission, past and present. The Board of Park Commissioners was organized September 29, 1883, with John Olmsted, Chairman, and Walter H. Wesson, Clerk. The present Park Commissioners are Daniel J. Marsh, President; Charles E. Ladd, Secretary; Everett H. Barney, Edward S. Bradford and Robert O. Morris. The commissioners of previous years have been Orrick H. Greenleaf, John Olmsted, Walter H. Wesson, John D. McKnight, Frederick Harris, John E. Taylor, James Kirkham, Azel A. Packard and Wm. F. Callender.

How many, we wonder, while enjoying the beauties of Forest Park, pause to think of the noble and public-spirited generosity which has made that enjoyment a possibility. Orrick H. Greenleaf, Everett H. Barney, and Daniel J.

Marsh—who for many years has been the executive head of the Board of Park Commissioners—will ever be held in grateful memory for what they have accomplished along the lines of establishing, maintaining and improving that delightful recreation ground for which the residents of Springfield entertain a just and natural pride.



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VIEW FROM FORT PLEASANT AVENUE. The Berkshire Hills in the Distance.

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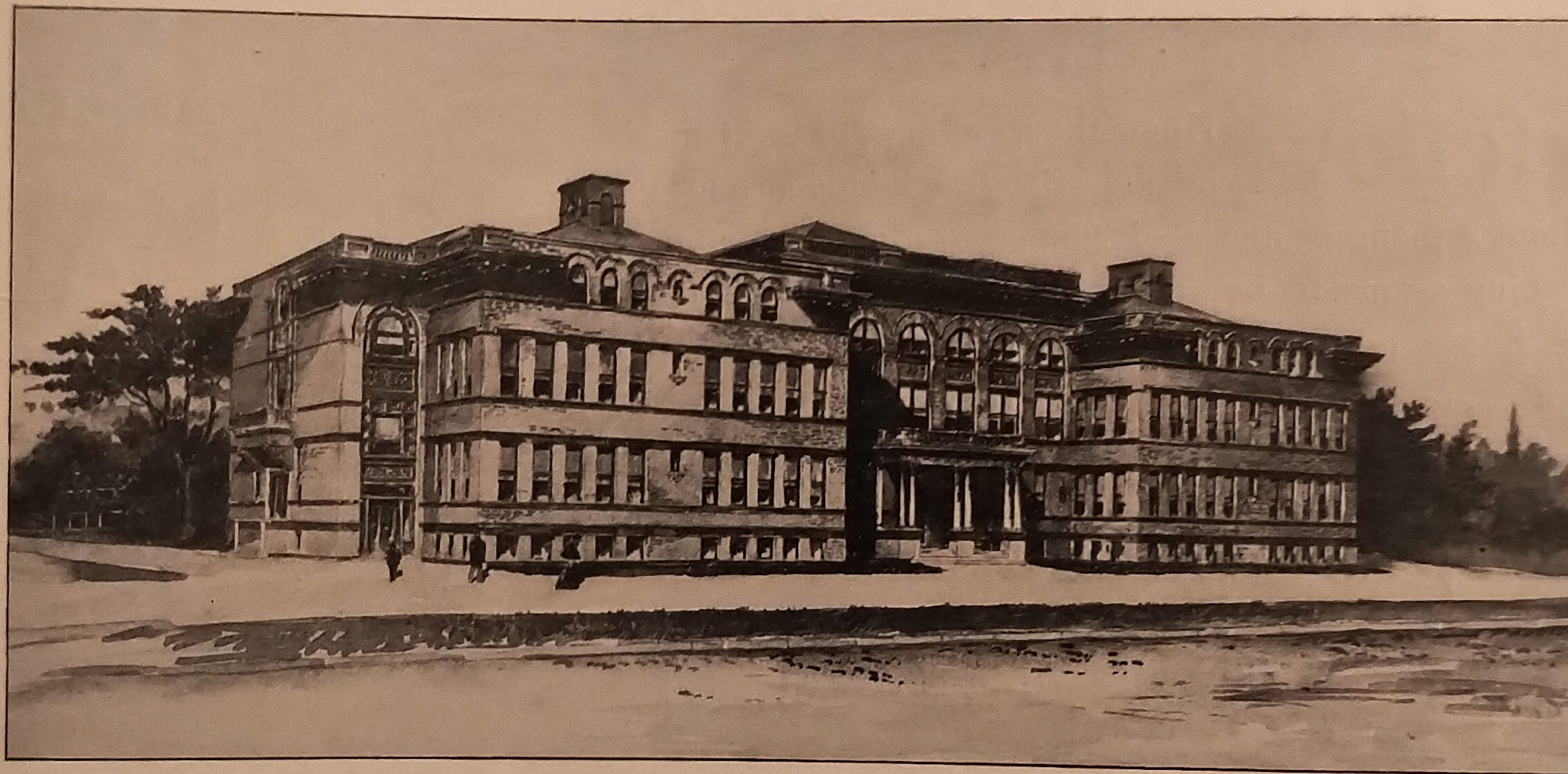
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THE MAUSOLEUM ON LAUREL HILL.

The granite used in this monument was principally from Quincy, with the Scotch for contrast. The Mausoleum is of unique design and was originated by Mr. Everett H. Barney. The two beautifully carved figures of the Grecian sphinx guarding the approaches came from Carrara, Italy—having been designed and carved there—and are of white marble. Bronze grill was used largely in construction. The designs are in oak, lotus and native ferns.

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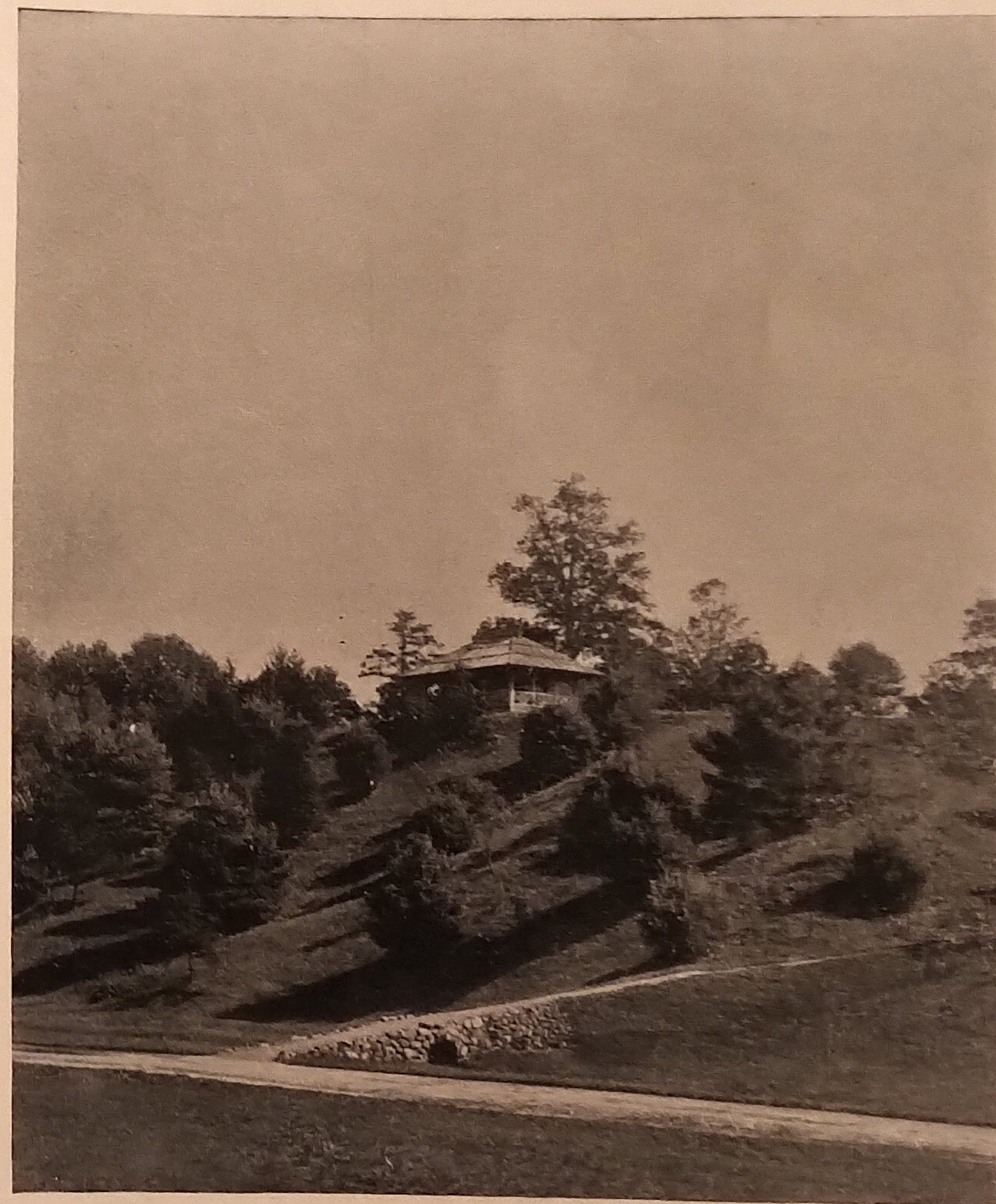
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From the Main Entrance to the Rustic Pavilion is a pleasant walk under the pines, of about five minutes. To the left will be seen, in the valley, Mirror Lake, the home of the swans, geese and ducks. Within sight of the Pavilion, the second turn to the right leads one to the Meadow Drive, the Grotto and Spring, and to the Bowles Memorial Fountain.

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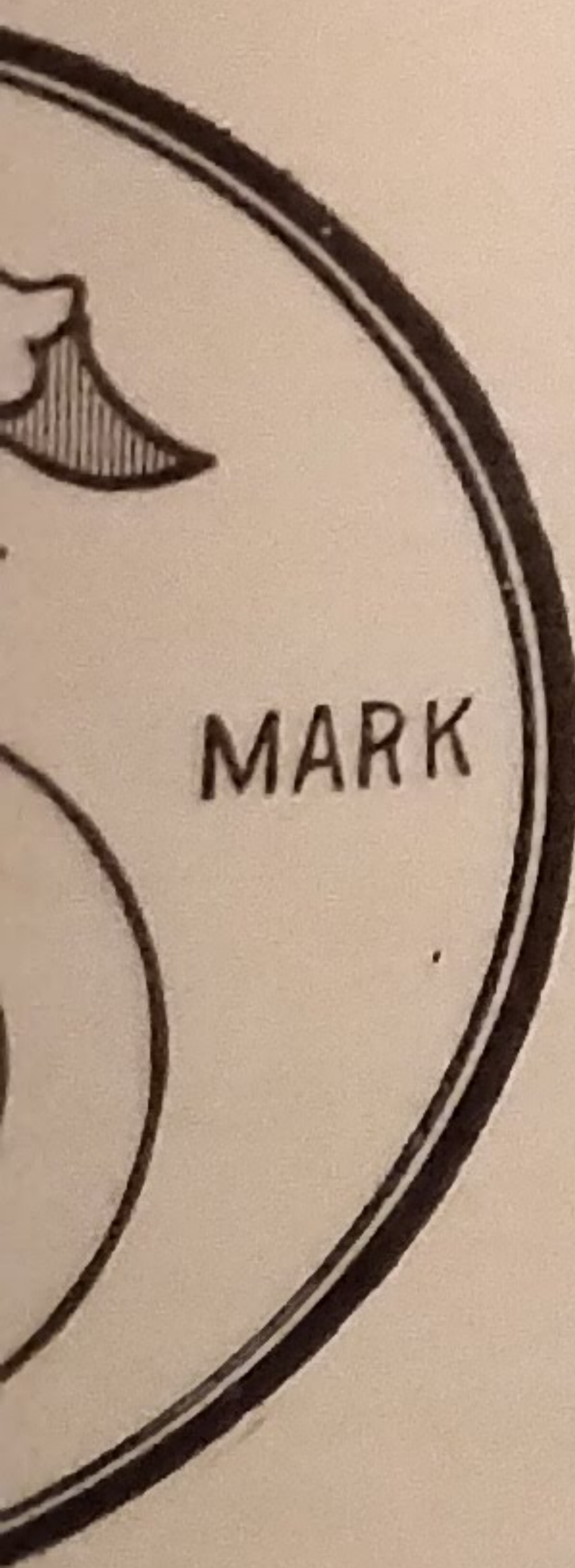
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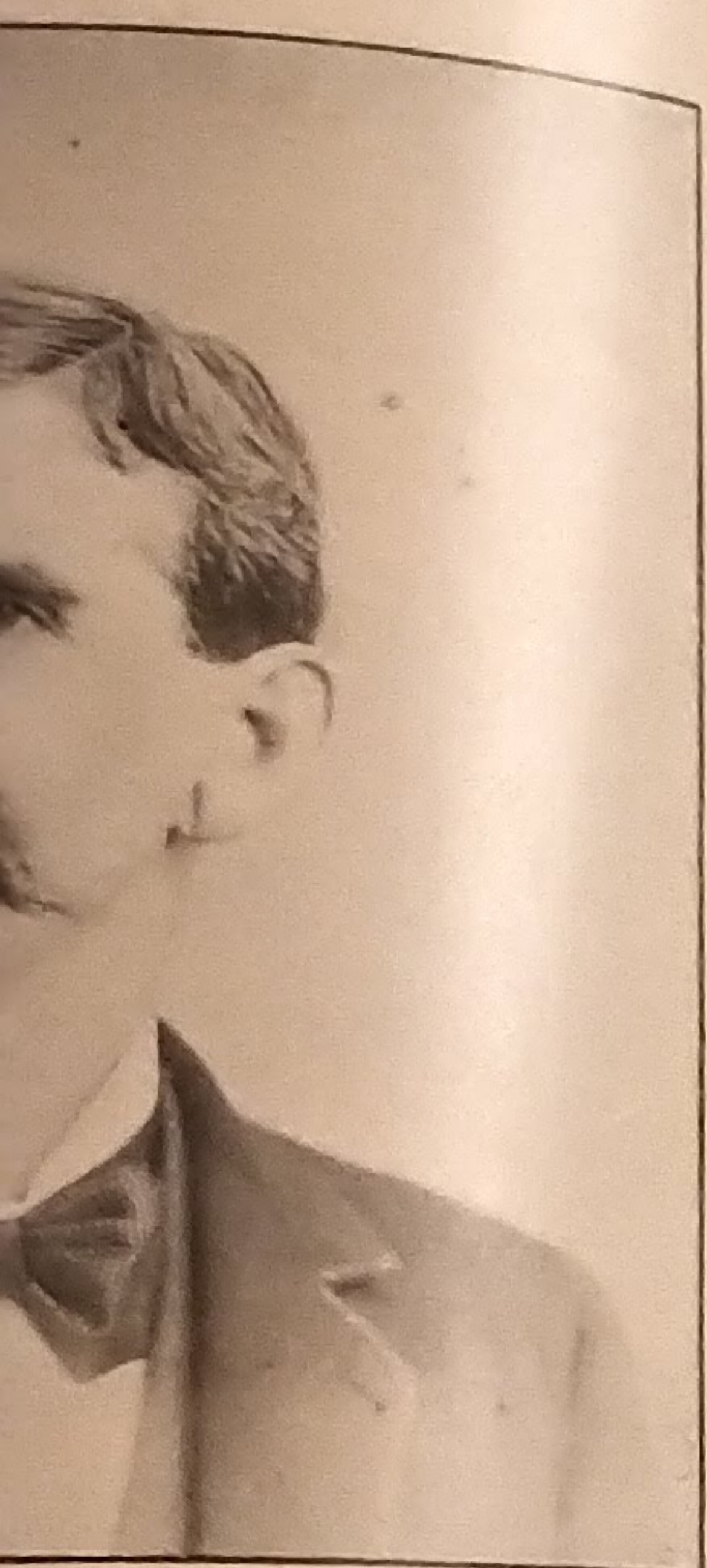
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THE DRIVEWAYS —To Magnolia Terrace and the Town of Longmeadow, from Washington Avenue.

In the Park are many beautiful drives, chief among them the driveways to Washington Avenue,—formerly Long Hill Street—and Magnolia Terrace. On a warm day these drives are especially appreciated, as the roads wind gracefully through the forest, which affords welcome shade.



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PECOUSIC BROOK LOOKING WEST.

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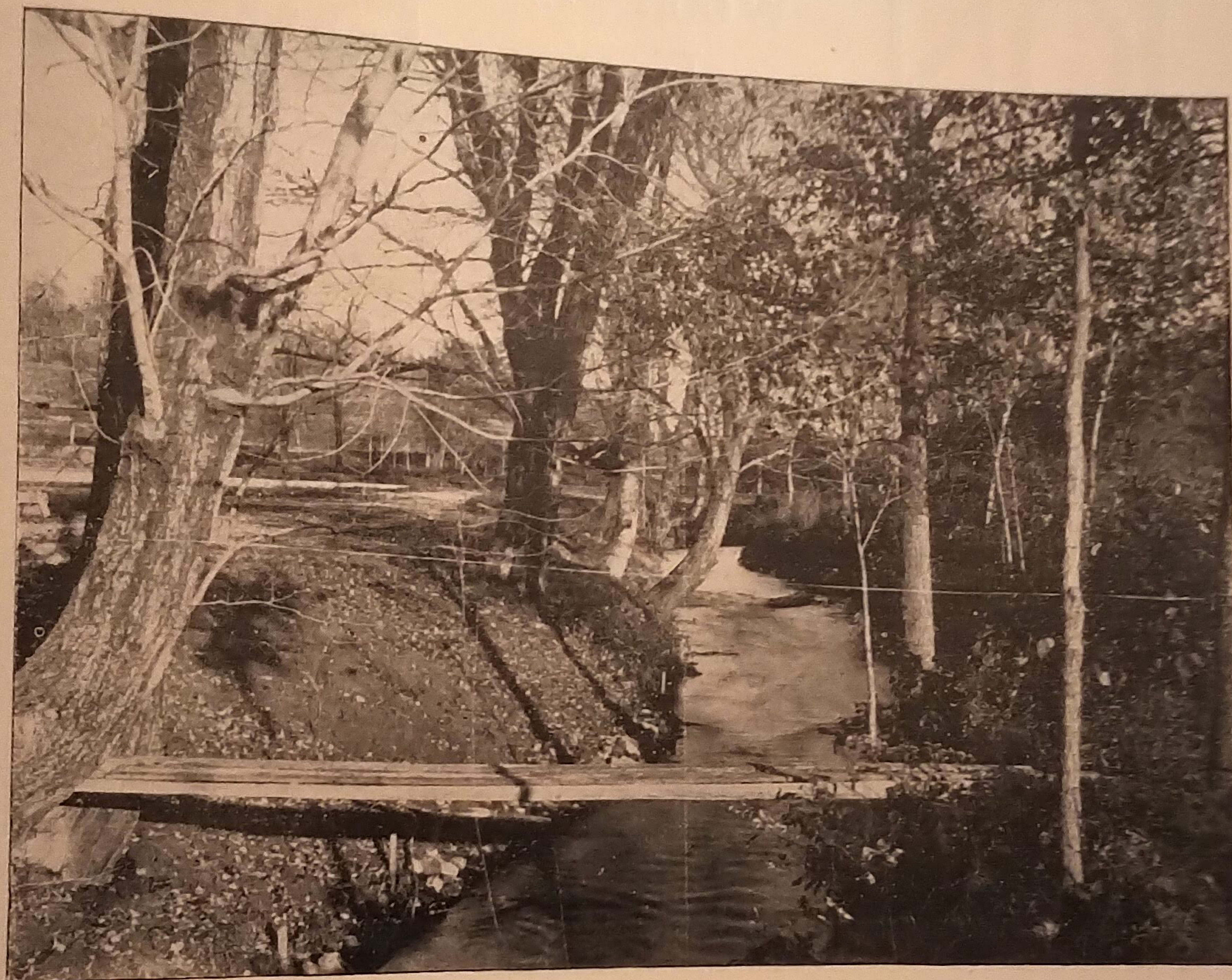


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THE FOOTBRIDGE ACROSS THE PECOUSIC.

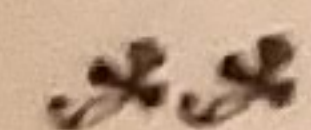
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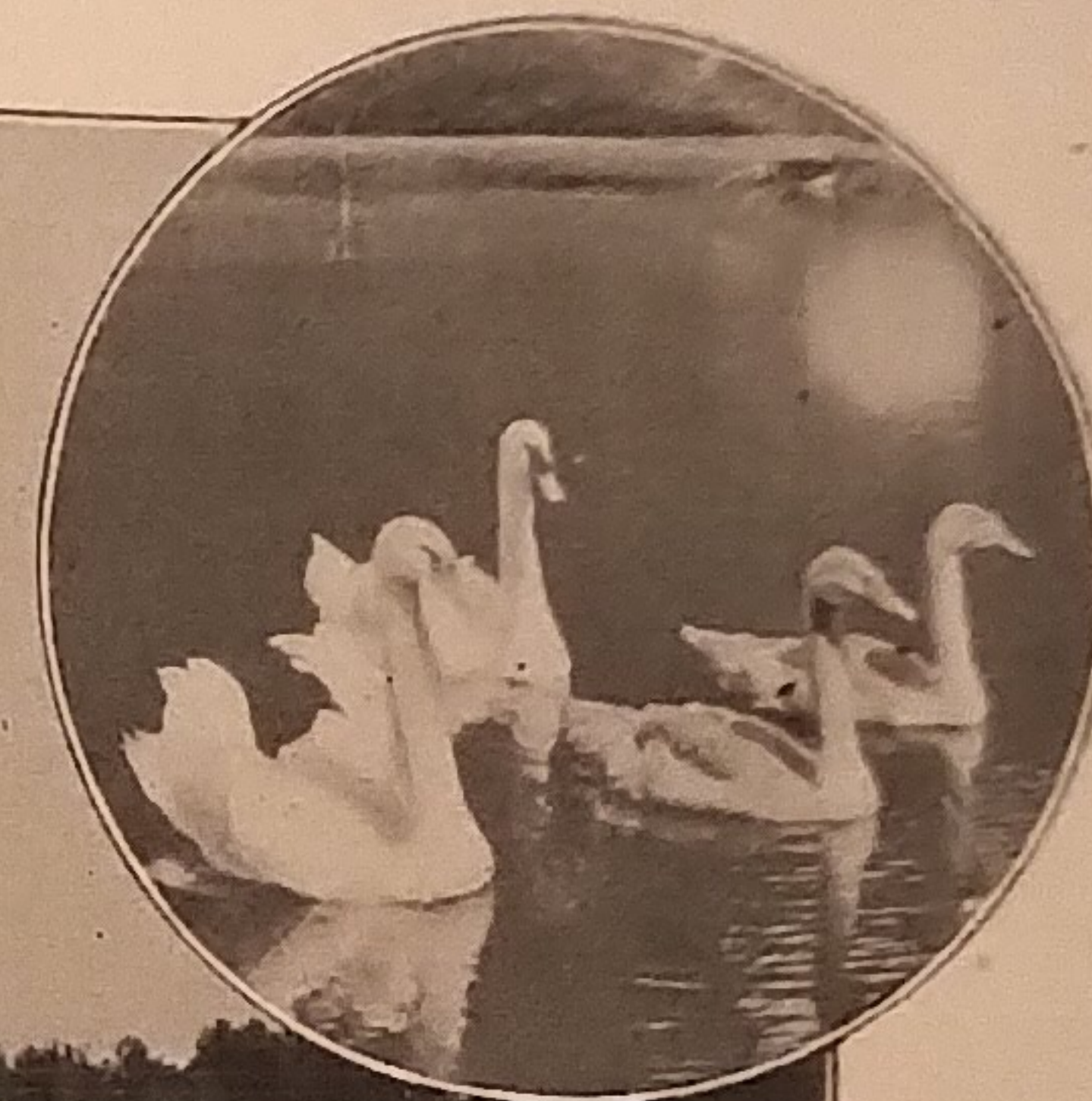
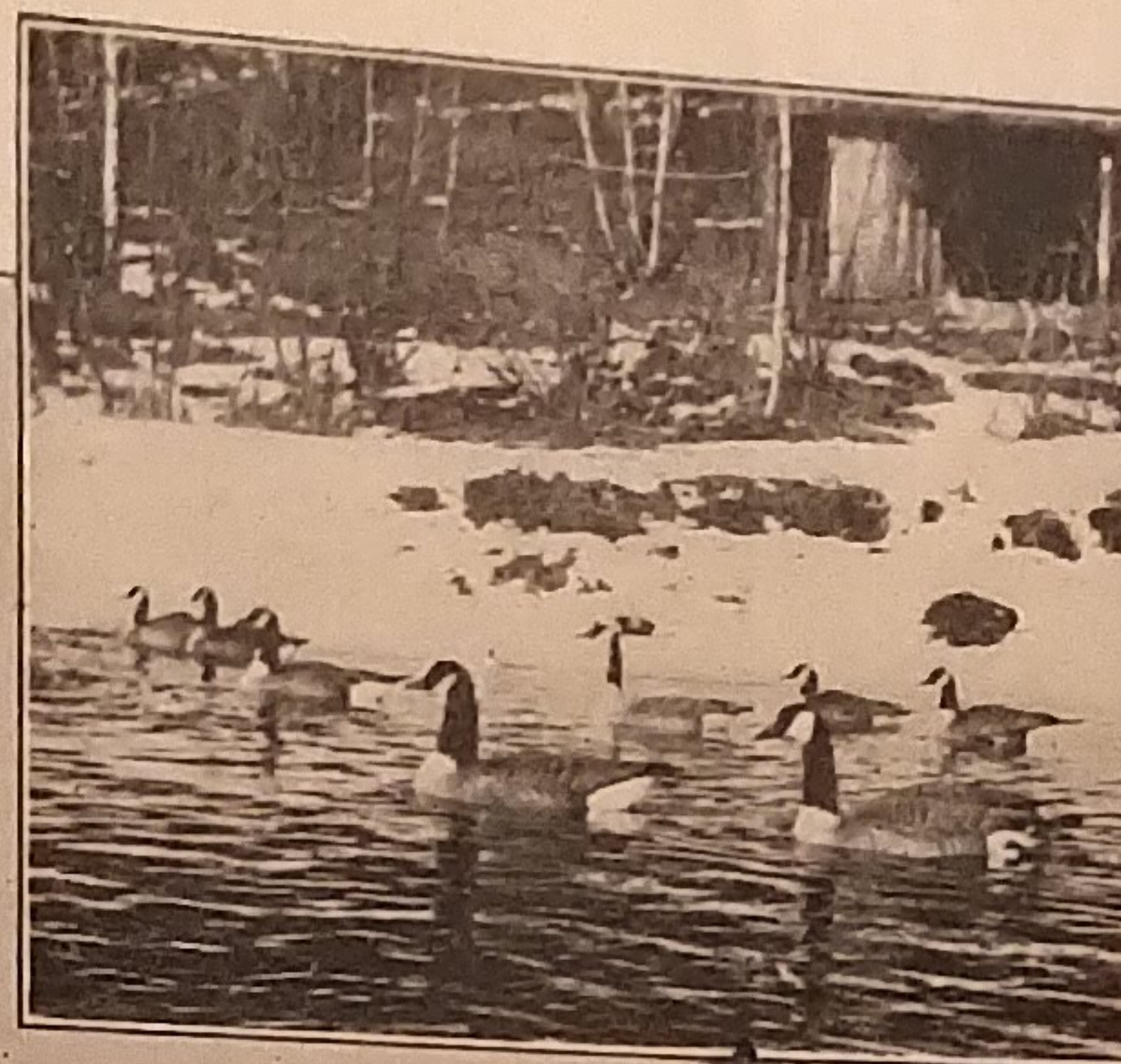
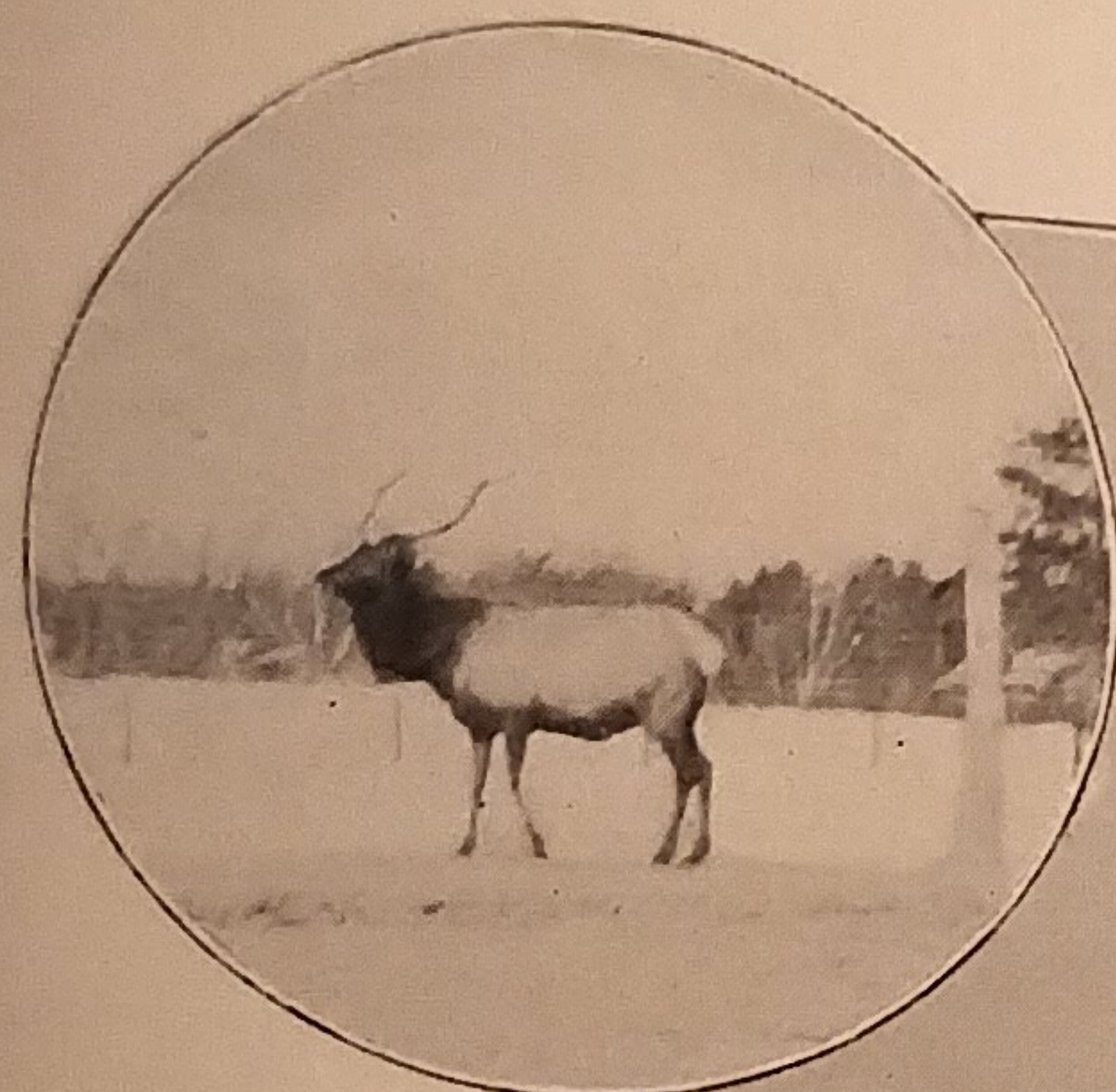
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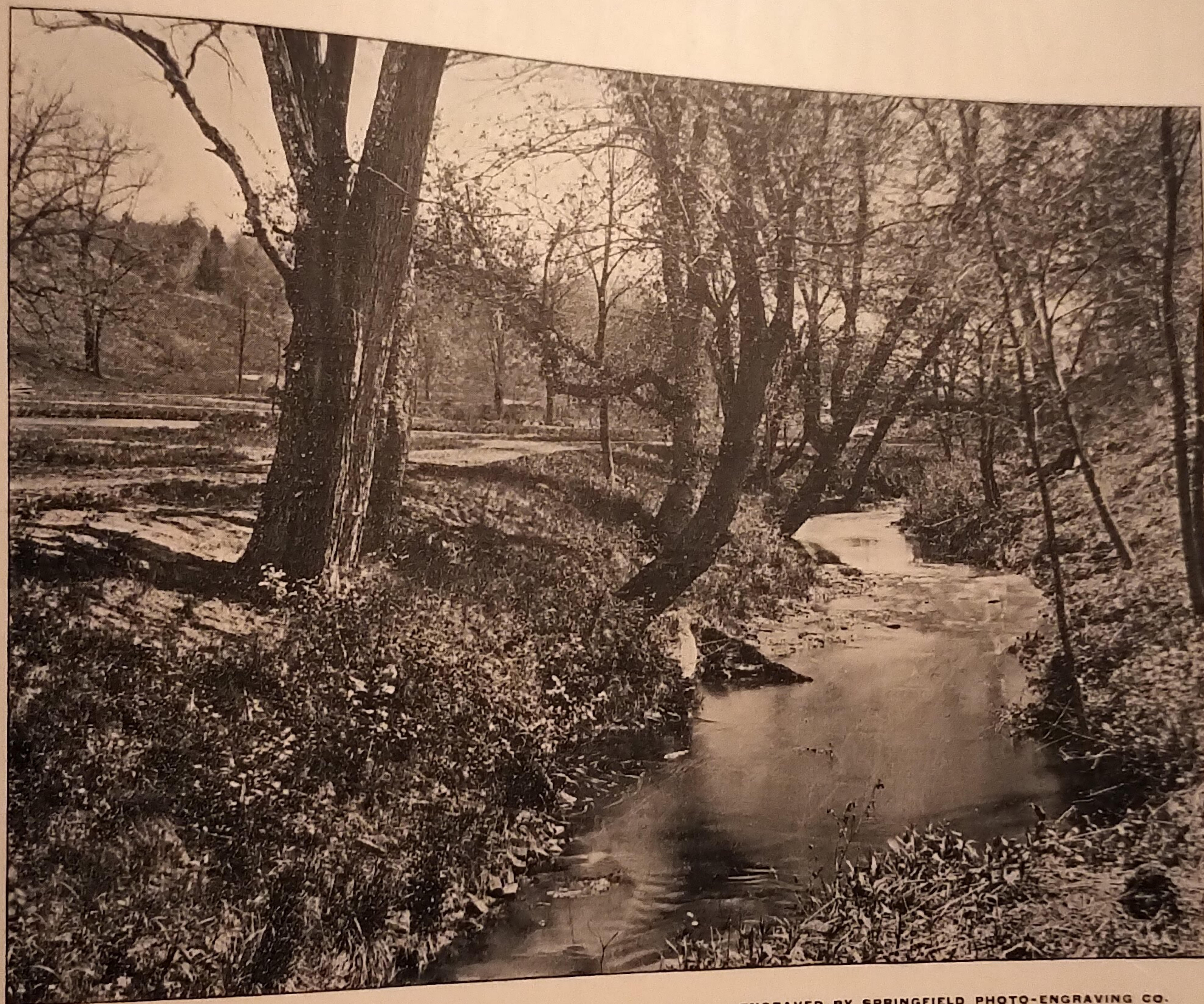
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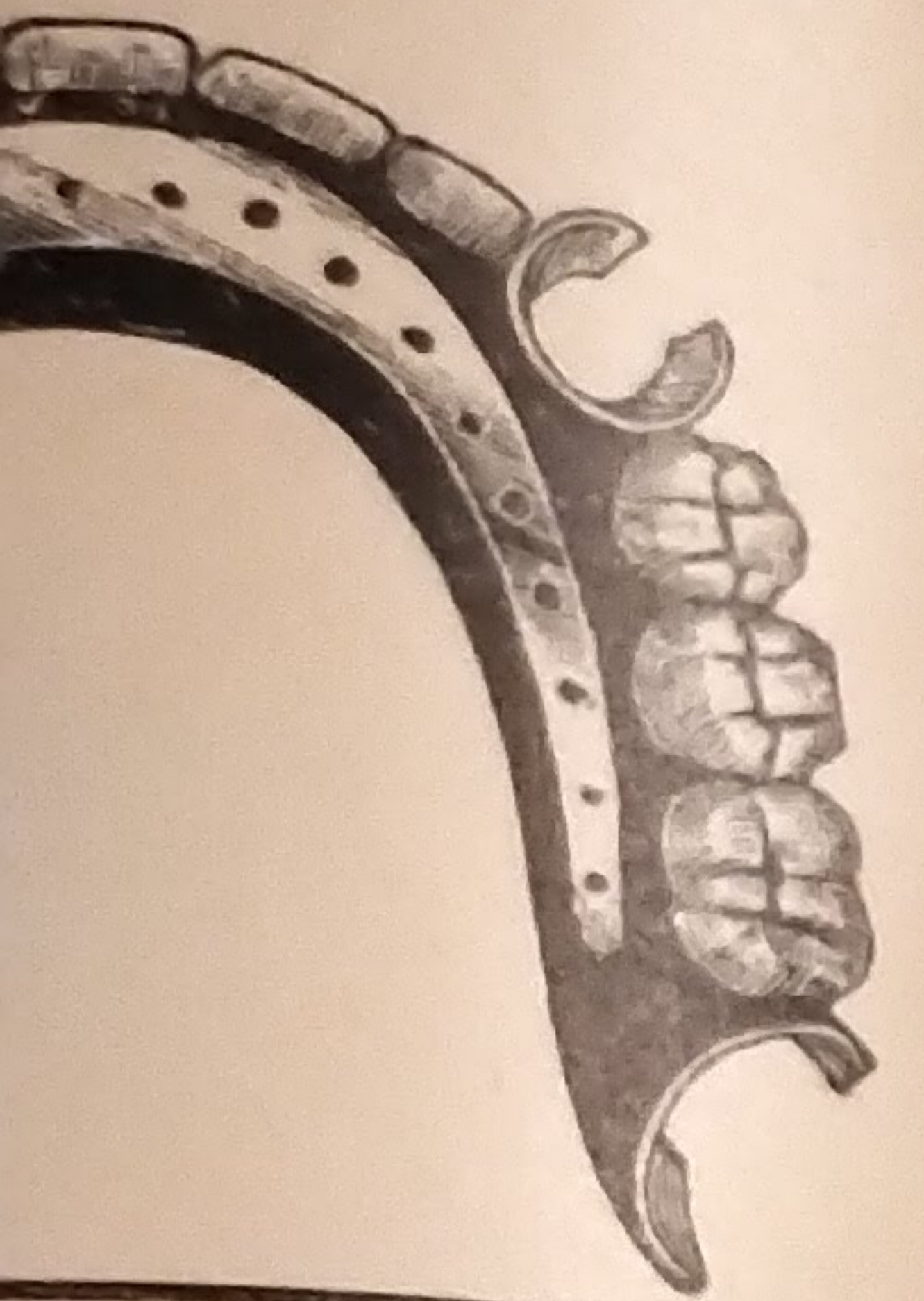


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PECOUSIC BROOK IN AUTUMN.

Along this brook, within the present Park limits, were once located the principal winter villages of the Indians. Their summers were usually spent on the cultivated meadows of Agawam, retiring, when the cold winds began to sweep down from the north, to the sheltered nooks of this valley.



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VIEW FROM "MONONATTO LOOKOVER" LOOKING NORTH.

The prospect from "Mononatto" is most delightful. In the foreground are the Lotus and Lily ponds, and Laurel Hill, on whose crest are the Mausoleum and the Monument, with "Pecousic Villa," the residence of Mr. Everett H. Barney, just beyond. On the distant horizon, beyond the Connecticut, may be seen Mt. Tom and the Berkshire Hills.

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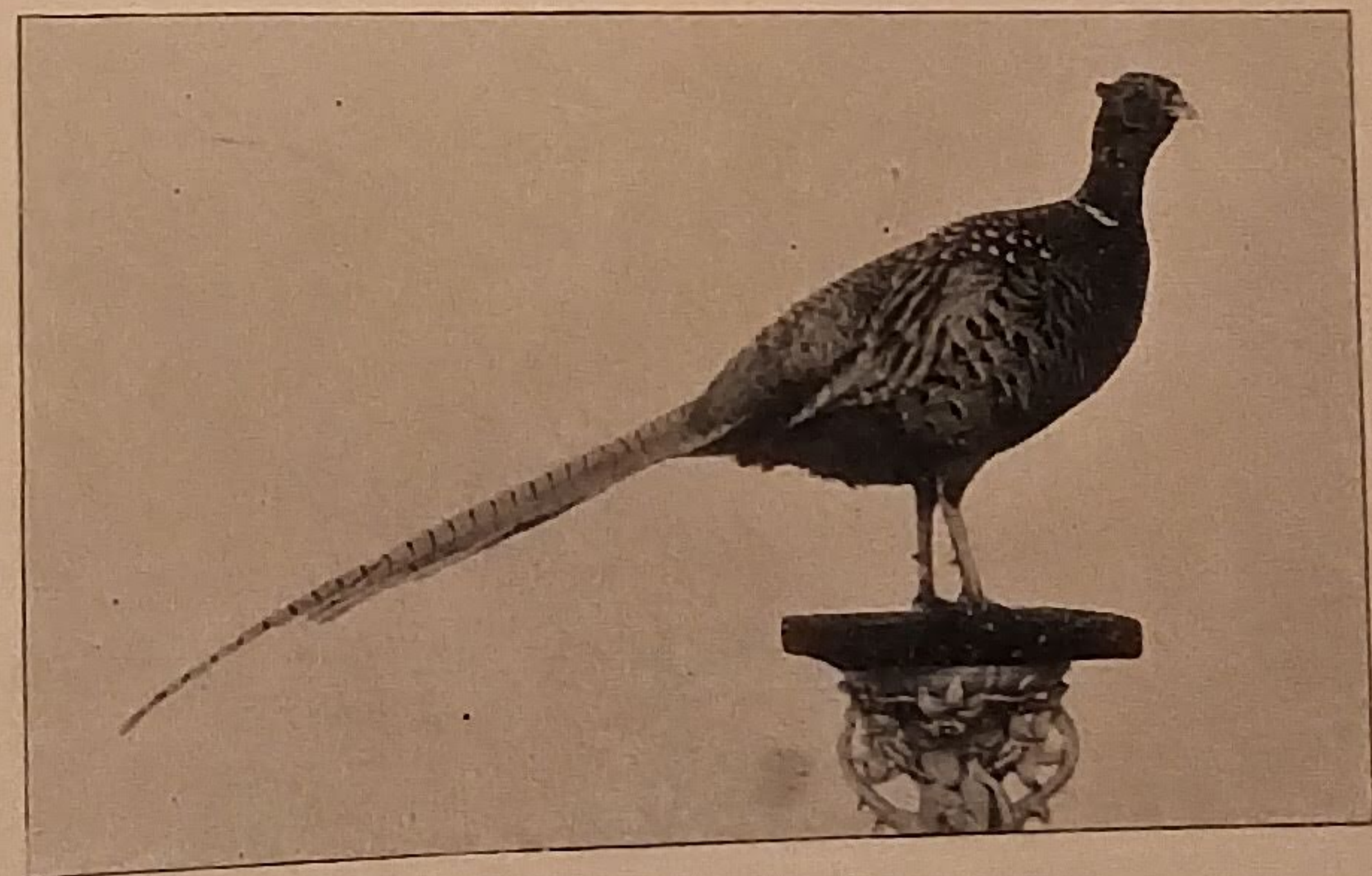
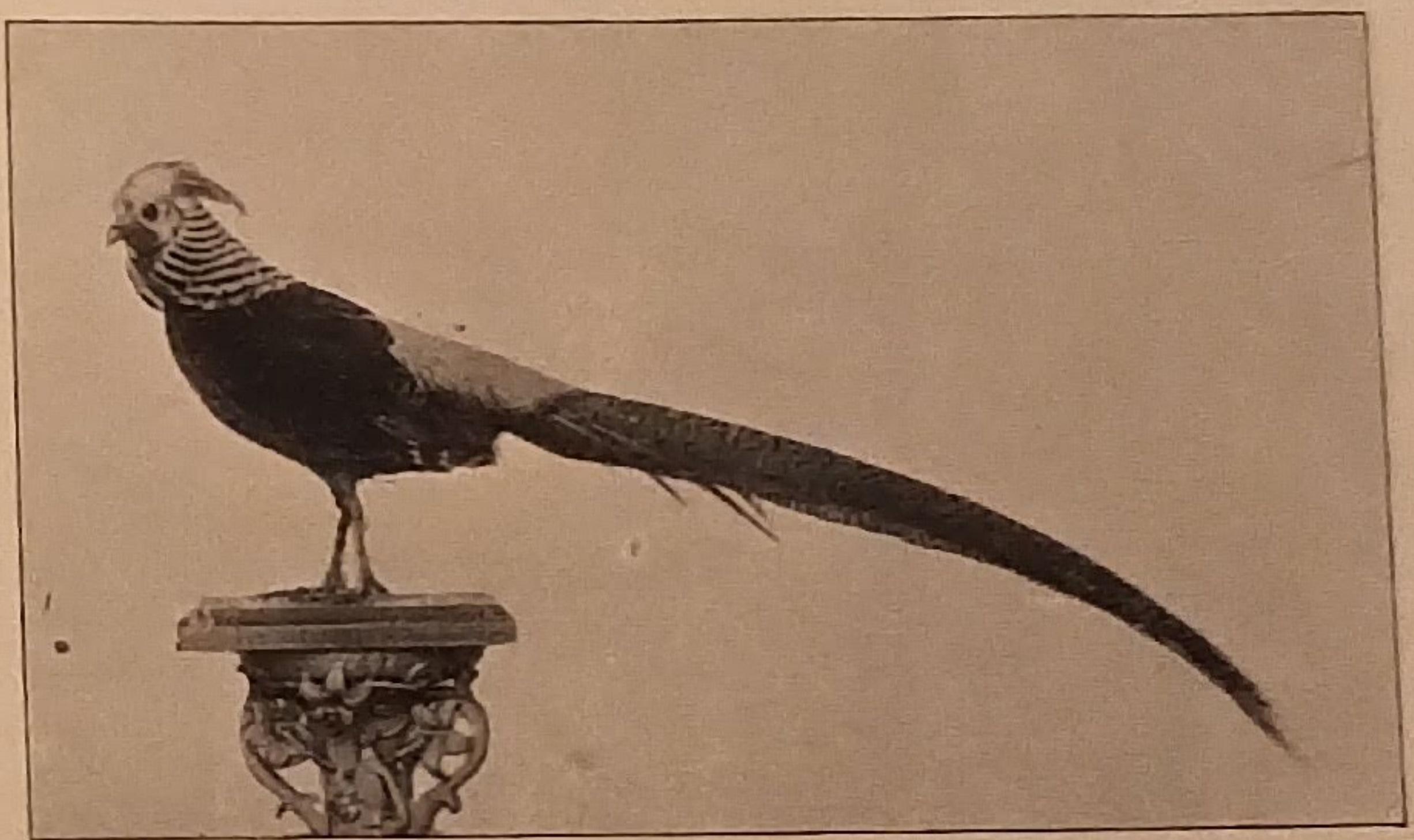
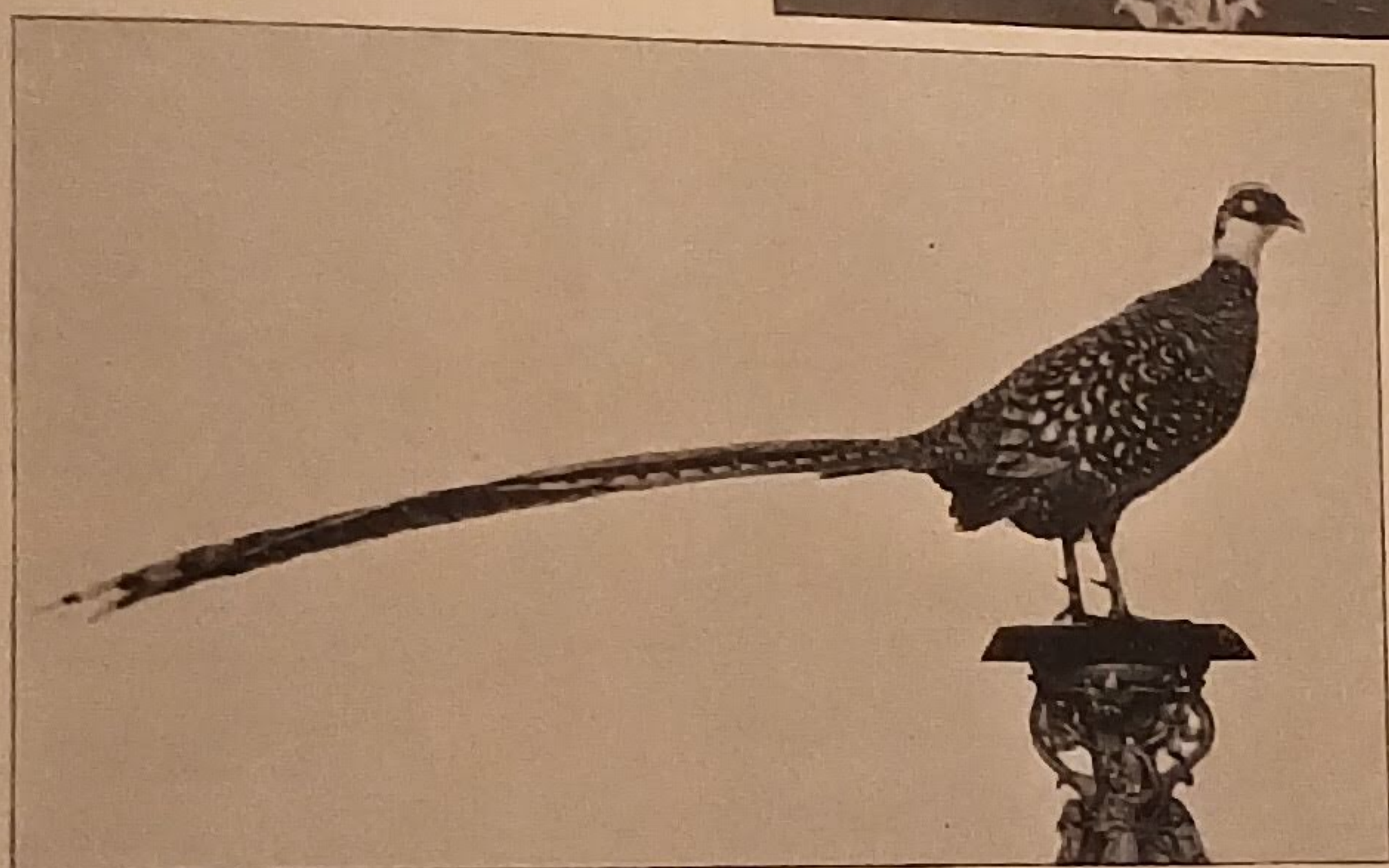
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